

**CITY OF CHILLICOTHE
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
August 25, 2014**

The City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, met in Regular Session August 25, 2014. Mayor Douglas P. Crew called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance, to the Flag of the United States of America, was recited.

Mayor Crew directed the Clerk to call Roll.

Present: Mayor Douglas P. Crew
City Treasurer B.L. Bredeman

Aldermen: Ronald Beaumont, Danny Colwell,
Patricia Connor, Dennis Gould,
Michael Hughes, Mel Witte
James Thornton, Gary Sharp

Also Present: City Attorney Michael Seghetti
City Engineer Ken Coulter
Superintendent of Public Works Josh Cooper
Police Chief Scott Mettelle

Absent: None

Mayor Crew declared a Quorum present.

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting, held on August 11, 2014, were presented.

Motion Alderman Colwell, second Alderman Witte, that the Council dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the August 11, 2014 Regular Council Meeting and approve the Minutes as presented. Motion carried via voce vote.

Clerk Hurd presented the City Engineer Report dated August 22, 2014.

Motion Alderman Witte, second Alderman Colwell, that the communications, as presented by the Clerk, be placed on file. Motion carried via voce vote.

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Chairman Crew stated that the City Hall had many calls during the past storm concerning flooding and drywell issues. Chairman Crew stated that the past storm produced more than 4.5” of rain and he wanted to make the council aware that there is still an issue of flooding in several locations throughout the city. He stated that several things have been tried to correct the problems but have not worked. He stated that this is a top priority for the Public Works Committee and will be discussed with the City Engineer at the next committee meeting.

Alderman Gould stated that a citizen called about debris left from construction in the River Sound subdivision. He stated that he spoke to Jim Paul yet nothing has been removed.

Alderman Beaumont stated that a neighbor had issues with storm sewer backing up. Alderman Beaumont spoke with City Engineer Ken Coulter and Superintendent Josh Cooper. Ken stated that per City Ordinance it was the responsibility of Jim Paul to clean the dry well. Superintendent Cooper stated that City Works Dept. did clean them and they would be monitoring them.

Alderman Gould reported that a maintenance issue was a concern for an empty house on Hollybrook. Mayor would refer the property to property maintenance.

Motion Alderman Gould, second Alderman Colwell, that the communications, as presented by the Mayor, be accepted and placed on file. Motion carried via voce vote.

Citizen Joe Harper asked to address the council. He stated that he was impressed with the new handicap ramp that was placed on Second Street in front of the Town Theater. He asked if the City would be adding designated handicap parking. Chairman Crew stated that adding handicap parking had not been addressed however he would look into the options for doing so.

Citizen Harper also asked if the city had a list of contractors that were recommended for the City Façade Grant. Chairman Crew stated that there was not a list that it was the business owner’s decision.

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Motion Alderman Thornton, second Alderman Sharp, that the bills, as presented, be paid, and the payrolls and transfers be approved. Roll Call vote was:

Ayes: **Beaumont, Colwell, Connor, Gould,
Hughes, Thornton, Witte, Sharp**

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Colwell that the Council authorize the Mayor to accept a bid to supply electricity for the city owned buildings, based on the recommendation of the city's energy consultant, and execute a corresponding supply agreement with the bidder selected which is substantially similar to the supply agreement currently in place, at the upcoming annual bid day for municipal electric aggregation. Roll Call vote was:

Ayes: **Beaumont, Colwell, Connor, Gould,
Hughes, Sharp, Thornton, Witte**

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Gould that the Council approve Applications for the Sidewalk Program: Carl Reifsteck, 523 Fifth for \$1,000 and CEC – District #321, 914 Truitt for \$1,000. Roll Call vote was:

Ayes: **Beaumont, Colwell, Connor, Gould,
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Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

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Motion Alderman Gould that the Council approve the priority one project purchase of a dump truck as a project and approve an expenditure of \$112,464.00 payable to Rush Truck Center, for the purchase of a 2015 International Dump Truck with plow and spreader. Payable from the Road & Bridge Fund. Roll call vote was:

Ayes: **Beaumont, Colwell, Connor, Gould,
Hughes, Sharp, Thornton, Witte**

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Gould that the Council authorize the Superintendent of Public Works to advertise for a part time public works employee. Motion carried via Voce Vote.

Motion by Alderman Gould that the Council approve an expenditure of \$32,750.00 payable to Gensini Excavating, Inc. for partial payment of the sidewalk installation at the Riverfront. Payable from the Central Business District TIF. Roll call vote was:

Ayes: **Beaumont, Colwell, Connor, Gould,
Hughes, Sharp, Thornton, Witte**

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Hughes that the Council approve Ordinance No. 14-08-14, an Ordinance Amending Section 6-55 (Liquor License Classifications). Roll Call vote was:

Ayes: **Beaumont, Colwell, Connor, Gould,
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Nays: **None**

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Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Thornton that the Council approve the ACH agreement between the City of Chillicothe and Better Banks and authorize the Mayor to sign said agreement. Roll Call vote was:

Ayes: **Beaumont, Colwell, Connor, Gould,
Hughes, Sharp, Thornton, Witte**

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Motion Alderman Thornton that the Council approve an advance expenditure of \$728.95 for Rachael Parker to attend the Fall TIF Conference, September 17 – 18, 2014 at the Union League in Chicago, IL. Payable from the TIF Plaza Fund. Roll Call vote was:

Ayes: **Beaumont, Colwell, Connor, Gould,
Hughes, Sharp, Thornton, Witte**

Nays: **None**

Chairman declared motion carried.

Chairman Crew announced that, there being no further business, the Council meeting adjourn at 7:34 P.M.

Margaret E. Hurd
City Clerk